



Deborah Ann Eckstrom

May 28, 1950 - June 15, 2020

Deborah Ann Eckstrom, 70, of Grand Island passed away on Monday, June 15, 2020 surrounded by her family.

Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at All Faiths Funeral Home with a Rosary at 9:30 a.m. Father Marty Egging will officiate. Friends and extended family are invited to join the service which will be live-streamed via Facebook on All Faiths Funeral Home Facebook page, beginning 15 minutes prior to the service. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer.

Deborah Ann Nealon entered this life on May 28, 1950 in Aurora, NE. She was the eighth daughter of Maurice Joseph and Margaret Mary (Donnelly) Nealon. Deborah grew up and went to school in Aurora and graduated from Aurora High School in 1968. After graduation, she attended Grand Island Beauty School and received her cosmetology license in January 1970. She then worked in a few area beauty shops.

Deborah was united in marriage June 27, 1970 to Howard Dale Taylor at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aurora, NE and they made their home in Palmer, NE. Two sons were born of this union, Michael Dale Taylor and Anthony Joseph Taylor. Deborah lost her husband Howard on December 3, 1978 to a lengthy battle with cancer. Deborah was then united in marriage on May 16, 1981 to Walter Earnest Eckstrom at the Merrick County Court House, making their home on the Eckstrom family farm just outside Palmer, NE. Two children were born of this union, Paul Wayne Eckstrom and Margaret Sue Eckstrom. Deborah lost her husband Walt to cancer on April 30, 2006.

Deborah worked for several years at the grocery store in Palmer and also in the kitchen at the Palmer Public School in Palmer and retired in 2010.

Deborah enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and lots of other crafts. She also loved the Fall Festival, being in the plays, and singing in the concerts. Deborah belonged to the 3G's card club for over 20 years and always had a special place in her heart for all of the club gals and the subs. Deborah loved her grandchildren, loved spending time with them, and making things for them. Deborah is survived by her children, Mike and Renee Taylor, Tony and Shari (Hill-Taylor) Taylor, Paul Eckstrom, and Margaret and Bruce Killham. Also, her grandchildren, Alan and LeeAnn Taylor, Austin and Sapphire Taylor, Kelsey and Robert McCall, Andrea Taylor, Kolton Hansen, Jaden and Jaci Hill, Bryce and Sierra Taylor, Bailey Taylor, Eli Taylor, Callie Taylor, and eight great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two of her sisters, Maureen and Al Smollen and Betty and Mick Pohlmeier; many nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and great-nephews. Deborah also leaves behind many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Also left to cherish her memory, are many close, new and life-long friends.

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents and both of her husbands. She is also preceded in death by five of her sisters, Marcella Murphy, AnnaMarie Grudzinski, Alice Smollen, Rita Boeck, and Helen Mudloff.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date. Online remembrances may be left at www.gjallfaiths.com.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN **20**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Ann Eckstrom*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Matt, Kim, Ethan and co-workers at Rural Sleep purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Deborah Ann Eckstrom.*



Matt, Kim, Ethan and co-workers at Rural Sleep - June 19, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *Aunt Debbie was such a fun aunt. Being the first grandchild I got to spend some special moments with her. She had told grandma she wasn't going to be anyone's aunt. She was only four years old at the time. And eventually she was blessed with around thirty of us. She loved all of us with her whole heart. She would let me go sit with her up in the choir loft at Mass with the choir when we came home to Aurora. I always felt so proud to be up there with her. Aunt Debbie could make everyone laugh. She just had something very special about her and always was so concerned about everyone. Her sense of humor brightened up the room wherever she went. We were all so blessed she was in our lives. Will miss you Aunt Deb 🥹❤️ Love Mary Catherine*

Mary Battershaw - June 18, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Eckstrom.*



June 18, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ *Dana White lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Eckstrom*



Dana White - June 18, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ *Deb was a genuine down to earth person. Always a easy person to visit with. Enjoyed her friendship especially went married and living in Palmer. Howard and my husband were best friends and we had alit of good times when Mike and Tony were little. We babysat with boys when Deb and Howard tool a trip for a week. Lot of wonderful memories. Will miss visits with her....my Sympathy to all the family.*
Bonnie Beed

Bonnie Beed - June 18, 2020 at 08:41 AM

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“ I lived next-door to Debbie from 1953 until I left Aurora for college. We walked to the East Ward School together; I always marveled at her 7 older sisters as well as Debbie's freckles, glasses, & long braids. We kept in touch through the years, saw each other at AHS Class of 1968 reunions, and I called her on her 70th birthday. I am so glad I got to see her on June 14; she was resting comfortably and couldn't be roused, but she seemed to know I was there because her face changed whenever I said my name. Debbie had great strength and persevered through losing 2 husbands and enduring many health challenges. What was clear was her abiding love for her family, especially her children, grandchildren, & great-grands. She has found peace and reward beyond, and I was blessed to know her through all these years. Love you, Beth Ann Brooks

Beth Ann Brooks - June 17, 2020 at 11:52 PM

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“ Deb was a wonderful lady! She taught me to crochet when I worked with her at the grocery store. I have so many great memories of her helping lead Girl Scout with my mom, having sleep-overs with Margaret at her house, and just growing up together. My heart goes out especially to Margaret and all Deb's family in this time of mourning. Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:19).

Courtney Salmon - June 17, 2020 at 04:46 PM

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Courtney Salmon - June 17, 2020 at 04:44 PM